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TO: Certified Organic Farm Registry Applicants

In order to retain your name on the Michigan Department of Agriculture Certified Organic Farm Registry in 2007, you are asked to complete the enclosed application and location map. **APPLICATION AND ORGANIC FARM LOCATION MAP SHOULD BE RETURNED TO MDA BY MARCH 1, 2007.**

This application is required by Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, which states in part:

The department shall annually compile a listing of organic farms. A person who owns or operates an organic farm may appear on the department's organic farm listing by ... submitting a request to the department, on the department's form ...

INSTRUCTIONS:

APPLICATION:

1. Complete **county/acres/township/range/section** and **subsection** of the application.
2. Verify the name and address of the business and proprietor of the farm.
3. Verify the certified organic farm locations (listed on application).
4. Verify the certifying agency information.
5. Sign and date the application (back of application).

ORGANIC FARM LOCATION MAP:

1. Draw a diagram of your organic farm location(s) on the map for accuracy. **Once we receive an accurate map of your farm, it will be on file for future renewal.** Failure to complete these columns will result in the return of your application for corrections.

Please list the legal description of your organic farm locations according to the follow example:

Ionia County, T5N, R6W, Section 12, Subsection NW 1/4, N 1/2. (This describes the northwest quarter of the north half of section 12 of township 5 north and range 6 west in Ionia County).

The compiled list will be provided to commercial pesticide application firms that are licensed in agricultural, right-of-way or aerial application categories in order to allow them to identify these sensitive areas and take the appropriate precautions necessary to prevent pesticide drift.

If you have any questions concerning this registry, please contact me at 517/241-1169. **(Please note this information is now available on the MDA website: <http://www.michigan.gov> (Enter Keyword: Farm Registry))**

Sincerely,

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Enclosures